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**Amendment and Response**

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This is a Response to an Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, in the above-identified application.

Claims 16-28 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Sennewald (GB 1,266,623) and Sennewald (GB 1,266,624) optionally in view of Calcagano (US 3,714,237).

Further, claims 16-28 were rejected under obvious-type double patenting over U.S. Patent 5,550,281. A terminal disclaimer with respect to this patent is enclosed, which obviates this rejection.

Applicants note that parents of the instant application were subject to proceedings in the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences as noted in the prior Preliminary Amendment filed in this application.

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